

House Resolution No. 657

Whereas, Matt Gaarder has attained considerable distinction as Sports Director for KNIM radio of Maryville, Missouri; and

Whereas, Matt Gaarder recently enhanced his already stellar record of achievement when he received one of two Play-by-Play Voice of the Year awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association in its Small Market Radio category for the year 2003; and

Whereas, to support his application for Play-by-Play Voice of the Year honors, Matt Gaarder submitted a fifteen-minute-long recording with no commercial interruption from the basketball game in which the Maryville High School boys team won against the Benton Cardinals at home during the month of February; and

Whereas, Matt Gaarder is in his fifth year as Sports Director for KNIM where he does play-by-play for Maryville High School football, basketball, and baseball and serves as a color commentator for Northwest Missouri State University football and basketball; and

Whereas, Matt Gaarder performs his vocal magic every Friday night during football season and four nights each week during basketball competitions; and

Whereas, Matt Gaarder was the only announcer from northwest Missouri to receive an award at the most recent Missouri Broadcasters Association convention; and

Whereas, in addition to receiving Play-by-Play Voice of the Year accolades, Matt Gaarder recently received the Spearhead Award from the Maryville Chamber of Commerce for organizing a marathon; and

Whereas, an esteemed member of the Maryville Lions Club, Matt Gaarder is the beloved son of Bruce and Linda Gaarder, the loving sibling of Stephanie Parks, and the wonderful uncle of Ethan and Madeline;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Matt Gaarder as a Play-by-Play Voice of the Year by the Missouri Broadcasters Association and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued professional and personal success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Matt Gaarder of Maryville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 657, adopted February 19, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker